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ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## Tincher-Ladner to speak at ICC commencements

### Staff Reports

Approximately 550 graduates will receive associate's degrees or certificates in two ceremonies, May 10, at the Davis Event Center at the Itawamba Community College Fulton Campus.

The 11 a.m. ceremony will include graduates whose last names are A-L, and the 3 p.m. ceremony, M-Z. Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science degrees as well as certificates will be awarded at both ceremonies.

ICC's commencement ceremonies are on Friday

for the first time in a number of years.

Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner, president and CEO of Phi Theta Kappa, will be the speaker for both ceremonies. Her educational background includes a Ph.D. degree in community college leadership from Mississippi State University and both bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Tincher-Ladner is the third leader of Phi Theta Kappa in 98 years. She also serves as an ex-officio member of the Phi Theta



Tincher-Ladner

Kappa Board of Directors and secretary to the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation Board of Directors. She joined the PTK staff in 2012 as the chief information and research officer and later served as interim executive director until receiving the permanent ap-

pointment in 2016.

She has served more than 24 years in higher education in the areas of instruction, information technology and research and consulted with colleges throughout the country on areas such as strategic planning, accreditation, economic impact, information technology, institutional research and student achievement.

Tincher-Ladner is an honorary member of the Omicron Alpha chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and has been recognized for her work in higher education by the League of Innova-

tion, the Southern Association of Community College Research and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

She has published a variety of articles on accreditation, student retention and community college completion rates in the Community College Journal of Research and Practice. She also serves on the graduate faculty for the School of Education at Mississippi State University. - **See Commencement, page ten.**



John Cleveland speaks at last year's Meritorious awards ceremony.

## Seven to receive Meritorious award

### Staff Reports

Seven ICC faculty and staff members will be honored today as recipients of the Meritorious award.

They include Jimmy Adams, maintenance, and Angie Norris, payroll clerk, Support Staff; Maggie Caldwell, social media specialist/graphic artist, and Dr. Brandi McCraw, online instruction coordinator, Professional/Administrative; Dr. Earnest Agnew, associate degree nursing instructor; Morgan Cutturini, English instructor and Film Club sponsor; and Dr. Cheryl Ware, director of the Physical Therapist Assistant Technology program, Faculty.

From the faculty nominees, one will be announced today as the recipient of the John and Beth Cleveland Excellence in Education Outstanding Faculty Member. Among the criteria for selection include full-time faculty, outstanding teaching and unselfish dedication to students and the College.

The awards will be presented during a reception at 3 p.m. at the David C. Cole Student Services Building at the Fulton Campus.

## ICC to honor retirees at May 7 reception

OLIVIA PATTON  
Staff Writer

Several members of Itawamba Community College's faculty and staff will be honored at a retirement reception from 1-3 p.m., May 7, in the banquet rooms of the David C. Cole Student Services Building at the Fulton Campus.

Those who have the opportunity to participate in the program include Jolene Hoots, foreign language instructor; Brenda Lindsey, custodian; Ron Brady, welding and cutting instructor; Barbara Williams, Tupelo Campus bookstore supervisor; Dr. Earnest Agnew, associate degree nursing instructor; Marty Cooper, director of recruiting; Betsy White, English instructor; Nanci Gray, head women's basketball coach; Richard Chandler, psychology instructor; and Judy Alford, assistant to the president.

# Giving



Front, Sara Wright; back, from left, Alex Winters, Anna John Hand and Korle Trulove.

Itawamba Community College's Associate Degree Nursing students collected and donated stuffed animals, toys and journals to the Children's Advocacy Center. Their story is on page three, and photos of other groups "giving back" to the community are on page five.

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ARDEN SPEARMAN

Editor

# Take advantage of each moment

This time of year is often a time of change. The flowers emerge from a deep sleep, the temperatures rise, and the birds begin to sing. Spring signifies new beginnings, both in nature as well as in our own lives.

Across the three Itawamba Community College locations, there are many students who are nearing the end of their time at this institution. The last notes are being taken; the last lectures are being taught and the last arrangements are being made for finals. Many of the students here are ready for the end; some are scared and others do not wish to leave where they now consider home.



For those leaving Itawamba Community College, the outlook for the future can sometimes be intimidating, not knowing what is to come next. Though these new beginnings that spring offers to us are for the taking, for each person to accept and hold on to. Fear for the next chapter is only a driving force to hold individuals back from all of their potential. Instead of worrying, we must rejoice that this chapter is soon to be completed in full.

Some chapters are not quite closing since some students will be able to return to Itawamba Community College this fall. For those who are, appreciate the time you have left since this will all be a distant memory someday. Take advantage of the moments before you to create lifelong friendships and times that will stick with you through it all.

Take a chance to walk around campus one more time, to walk down the halls that you have come to know so well, to thank the teachers and staff who have made everything possible. Go to that last event. Go get coffee with your friends once more and reminisce on all of the moments that brought you to where you are now.

As you put on your cap and gown, remember that you have done everything to deserve this recognition. Know that your time on that stage, along with your diploma, were well-earned.

For those not graduating this year, be thankful that you get to return to the outstanding institution that is Itawamba Community College one last time.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The *Chieftain* will print letters to the editor or guest commentaries. However, they must be signed and include a valid ICC email address and telephone number.

Anonymous submissions will not be printed. The *Chieftain* reserves the right to print or reject letters or to edit them for clarity and space.

## College CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Looking ahead

APRIL

Meritorious Awards celebration  
David C. Cole Student Services, 1-3 p.m.

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MAY

Final examinations begin;  
Bookstore buyback begins

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MAY

Final exams end

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MAY

Honors Graduation ceremony  
David C. Cole Student Services, 5:30 p.m.

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MAY

Commencement Rehearsals  
Davis Event Center  
A.D. Nursing Pinning 6 p.m., DEC

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MAY

A-L Commencement 11 a.m., Davis Event Center  
M-Z Commencement 3 p.m., DEC

### Spring '19 Exam Schedule

TRADITIONAL CLASSES			
Period	Exam Time	Day	Date
B or BB	8-10:15	Wed	5.1
K	10:30-12:45	Wed	5.1
L	1-3:15	Wed	5.1
H	3:30-3:45	Wed	5.1
C or CC	8-10:15	Thurs	5.2
M	10:30-12:45	Thurs	5.2
O	1-3:15	Thurs	5.2
A or AA	8-10:15	Fri	5.3
E or DD	10:30-12:45	Fri	5.3
N	1-3:15	Fri	5.3
D	8-10:15	Mon	5.6
F	10:30-12:45	Mon	5.6
G or EE	1-3:15	Mon	5.6

AFTER WORK CLASSES			
I or J	6-8:40	Tues	4.30
P or Q	6-8:40	Wed	5.1

NIGHT CLASSES			
Tues	6-8:40	Tues	4.30
Wed	6-8:40	Wed	5.1
Thurs	6-8:40	Thurs	5.2
Mon	6-8:40	Mon	5.6

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Staff Reports

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IEWPOINT

RODERICK EDWARDS

Staff Writer

# Love can be amazing

Loving someone unconditionally is an amazing feeling, especially when the love is mutual.

When you love someone, you will do anything and everything to make that person happy.

You're not doing it because you were told, but because you love to see him or her smile. Just seeing that smile brings joy to you.

I love doing things for my girlfriend, especially when she least expects it...randomly giving her simple gifts that I know that she will enjoy or taking her out to places where she can dress up.

You know when you are in love when you're excited to just see your girlfriend or boyfriend.



The feeling of happiness just rushes through you. Your heart races. Your knees get weak, and you get butterflies in your stomach. You even love the inside of the person. What captured your attention first is your significant other's personality.

How someone looks really doesn't matter because who they are is why you fell in love with them. Just sitting in the car and talking to your partner for hours about random stuff is much better than going out. A time spent just talking and laughing and actually listening to each other. I cherish times like those. Doing the simple things with the person you love are the most memorable times.

Knowing that you have met a very special person makes life even better. Having that person to go to when you need a laugh, to cry or to just chill is a blessing.

When you need someone to talk to about things, he or she is right there to listen. Those individuals will tell you what you need to hear and not just what you want to hear. That person will lift you up when you're down. Knowing that he or she has your back 110 percent of the time definitely makes life easier.

Eventually, as in all relationships, there will be bumps in the road. If it's true love, nothing can stand in its way. Nobody can break you up. Only you and your partner can break that special bond. If the two of you are meant for each other, the love will never go away.

Love isn't easy. It is a process, and each partner must contribute.

Having someone to love and for him or her to love you back is truly an amazing feeling.

Everyone deserves someone who can make them happy. I'm so thankful that I have that special person in my life.

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# Teacher Spotlight

## Anna Britt-Begnaud Communications

ADRIAN STAFFORD  
Staff Writer

**FAMILY:** Married to Jonathan Begnaud, who teaches physics at Tupelo High School; expecting first child, a son, in June.

**EDUCATION:** B.A. degree in English and art with a minor in biology, Lipscomb University; M.A. degree in composition and rhetoric, University of Alabama



**COURSES TAUGHT:** English composition I, beginning English, American literature II, British literature II and world literature II honors, some online and some of them traditionally in the classroom.

**EXPERIENCE:** Has been teaching for 10 years, one year as a graduate student at the University of Alabama, where she taught comp 1 and 2, and nine years at ICC. She has also worked in different writing centers over 11 years and served as ICC’s writing center director for five years. “I realized as an undergraduate student working in the university’s writing center that I really like talking to college students. Since I couldn’t stay in college forever and would eventually have to graduate, I decided teaching for a college would also allow me to talk to college students every day. Listening to what students are thinking and seeing the moments when the information they’re studying becomes more than facts and means something more to them are the best parts of teaching.”

**POSITIVES/NEGATIVES OF TEACHING:** “The hardest part of teaching is probably the same as the hardest skill for students: time management. Juggling classes, studying, creating new material, grading, meetings, events, family and what little free time I have is always a challenge. Usually, nothing I do gets the amount of attention that it actually needs. There are always too many important and interesting things to do.”

**ADVICE TO STUDENTS:** “Students give up too soon. They shouldn’t run away from hard assignments or classes or schedules. It’s the hard experiences that actually help them later in their careers and in life. When students encounter something hard, they should immediately find their instructors and ask for help and the good instructors will help them.”

## Shuttle schedule changes for exams

Staff Reports

The shuttle schedule is changing slightly during exams, which begin on Wednesday. The shuttle runs between the Fulton and Tupelo campuses. The revised schedule will run through May 6. It includes  
**Depart Fulton,** 6:45 a.m.; Arrive Tupelo, 7:15 a.m.;  
**Depart Tupelo,** 7:30 a.m.; Arrive Fulton,

8 a.m.;  
**Depart Fulton,** 3 p.m.; Arrive Tupelo, 3:30 p.m.;  
**Depart Tupelo,** 3:35 p.m.; Arrive Fulton, 4:05 p.m.  
Pick up and drop off locations are in front of the David C. Cole Student Services Building on the Fulton Campus and the Student Support Center on the Tupelo Campus.



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**Dr. Bronson Prochaska, chairman of the Learning and Life Skills division and director of academic success and retention, talks with summer bridge program participants in this file photo.**

## ICC schedules L.E.A.P., Musicians’ Academy, July 1-30

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has scheduled the L.E.A.P. Summer Bridge program as well as the Musicians’ Academy, July 1-30, at the Fulton Campus.

Students who test into the four-hour college algebra with lab course, formerly intermediate algebra, with an ACT Math subscore 17 or 18, will be able to complete this course in addition to ICC’s freshman seminar course, college life.

Last summer, the success rates of the program were phenomenal, according to coordinator Dr. Bronson Prochaska, chairman of the Learning and Life Skills Division and director of academic success and retention.

In college algebra, the success rate for students testing into the lower level intermediate algebra was 87 percent. “We attribute the participants’ success to the in-

structors, smaller class size, extra academic assistance and the opportunity for them to focus on fewer courses as they begin their college career.

Students who participate in the bridge program will have more time to focus on what is considered a difficult course, one that has proved to be a roadblock for many to earning a college degree. With the implementation of ICC’s online application for admission, students interested in this program should complete the online application for “Summer 2019” and the LEAP application on the ICC website, [www.iccms.edu](http://www.iccms.edu).

The Musicians’ Academy is designed for music majors as well as members of the band and choir. The four-week program provides an opportunity for participants to complete seven semester hours (two classes), including fundamentals of music, a course benefi-

cial for students to increase their knowledge and skills in musicianship and technique as well as a four-hour lab science course. This program also boasted phenomenal success rates, Prochaska said, with 100 percent of the 2018 participants’ successfully completing fundamentals of music and 91 percent, physical science.

The classes for both programs will meet Monday through Thursday, and students may live in the residence halls or commute from home daily. In addition, those who elect to live on campus can participate in an extensive schedule of night activities. The opportunity to apply for federal financial assistance to cover the cost of the program is an added bonus.

For more information, contact Prochaska at (662) 862-8250 or [bgprochaska@iccms.edu](mailto:bgprochaska@iccms.edu).

## Allen receives award

**ICC President Dr. Jay Allen joins other recipients of the Paragon award from Phi Theta Kappa at the organization’s Catalyst 20-19, the society’s annual convention Apr. 4-6 in Orlando, Fla. He is one of 25 new presidents selected for the award. He was nominated by the Upsilon Sigma chapter.**



## ICC nursing students donate to Advocacy Center

Staff Reports

ICC’s Associate Degree Nursing students have taken advantage of an opportunity to “give back” to the community.

On Apr. 17, the group donated stuffed animals and writing journals for children who are being assisted by the Family Resource Center’s Children’s Advocacy Center in Tupelo.

The service learning project was coordinated by students Anna John Hand and Korie Trulove, both of Tu-

pelo.

Both Trulove and Hand plan to pursue the bachelor’s degree in nursing following their graduation this year from ICC.

Not only did the students collect the teddy bears and journals, but they also raised more than \$660 to purchase additional teddy bears, journals and supplies for the Family Resource Center.

According to reports, those at the center were most appreciative of the contribution since it has been affected

by a recent cut in funding.

Hand and Trulove have been volunteers at the Children’s Advocacy Center, so they know firsthand what an impact the stuffed animals and journals have on those served.

Hand said that she has seen the impact that the contribution could have. “I got to see kids playing in the lobby with the toys. It’s an opportunity for us to give back.”

Trulove said she also understands the importance of the contribution be-

cause of her time at the center.

Children’s Advocacy is provided for children who may be victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse or who have witnessed violent crime. The Center offers a child-friendly place where vulnerable victims can feel safe dealing with what has happened to them so their healing can begin.

ICC’s student nurses are required to engage in service learning projects during their two years they are enrolled. - *See photo on page one.*



**FYI**

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## Registration continues for 2019 fall

**HANNAH FLAKE**  
Staff Writer

Freshmen and returning students who are currently enrolled at ICC are reminded to register for 2019 summer and fall classes before the end of the semester to ensure that they have the classes they want at the time that fits their personal schedule.

Students can register in the Advising Center through May 6 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. to avoid participating in open registration in August.

In addition, incoming freshmen had an opportunity to participate in April orientation sessions for the first time. Traditionally, the sessions are in June and July except for the one designed for honor students.

So far, sessions have been Apr. 17 (honors) and Apr. 22 and 24. Additional opportunities include Apr. 30 and May 3.

Online registration has also begun for June and July sessions. They include June 14, 8 a.m., Fulton; June 17, 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Fulton; June 18, 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Fulton; and July 19, 8 a.m., Fulton. Locations are in the Band Hall at the Fulton Campus and the Health Science Education Center at the Tupelo Campus.

The schedule includes both parent/guardian and student orientation sessions, student advising and class scheduling as well as I.D./yearbook photos. The special parent/guardian orientation will cover topics of special interest to enable them to assist their students in the transition to ICC. Morning sessions end at noon, and afternoon sessions, at 4:30 p.m.

The theme is My Place, My Home, My Tribe. "We want to make a difference," said dean of Enrollment Services Dr. Melissa Haab.



## Indian Week

**Students had an opportunity to participate in such activities as a Crawfish Boil during the week of Apr. 1.**



## Jake Hartfield discusses 2018-19 activities

**ASHLEY DANIELS**  
Staff Writer

**Question 1:** *What is the general overview of ICC's student activities for 2018-19?*

**Jake Hartfield:** "Since arriving at ICC in the summer of 2018, the student activities staff has been able to enhance the student experience by providing more activities/initiatives at all three locations. We have expanded upon our Homecoming week and Indian Week activities this year and implemented more with Welcome Week, Student Involvement Fair and intramural sports. We also implemented new opportunities with community service throughout the Tupelo, Fulton and Mantachie area. I have also seen more participation in our elections with more students running for positions such as Homecoming, SGA and Mr. and Miss ICC."

**Question 2:** *How did you feel about participation?*

**Jake Hartfield:** "Overall, participation was good for the majority of our events. I would love to see more participation at our Tupelo Campus and Belden Center locations, but we, as a staff, will need to adjust our approach and advertising for those students at those locations."

**Question 3:** *What were the most successful activities?*

**Jake Hartfield:** "Our most successful events were Welcome Week events, Homecoming Week events, Halloween Week events. Indians Got Talent in partnership with the Student Government Association-Fulton was extremely successful. For the finale, we had almost a full house. For intramural sports, our most successful sports were dodgeball, kickball, 3-on-3 bas-

ketball and indoor volleyball."

**Question 4:** *"In your opinion, what activities did not do as well?"*

**Jake Hartfield:** "I would love to see more participation in our spring events. In the fall, we have more participation, but some of our events in the spring are not attended as much. I think our staff will have to adjust our approach in advertising on social media and creating different types of

events for our students at all three locations. For intramural sports, I would like to see more participation with softball, flag football, sand volleyball and disc golf.

**Question 5:** *What are your plans for next year?*

**Jake Hartfield:** "For next academic year, we would like to continue to build upon our signature events, including Welcome Week, Homecoming Week and Indian Week but enhance our student experience at the Tupelo Campus and Belden Center locations. Additionally, I would like to see student activities implement events surrounding our three-day weekend campaign including camping trips, service trips and student leadership conference. Since we have great student leaders, we would also like to implement a student leadership banquet with awards ceremony honoring our student leaders on their involvement to campus life."

**Editor's note:** *New Itawamba Community College Coordinator of Student Activities took a few minutes to talk about the 2018-19 student activities and his plans for the future.*



**Coordinator of Student Activities Jake Hartfield talks with a student at the Fulton Campus.**

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CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

FULTON CAMPUS

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Bass Club	Jason Campbell	862.8357
Book Club	Holly Gray	862.8381
Chieftain	Donna Thomas	862.8244
Computer Science	Delores Tull	862.8138
Film Club	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
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Gospel Sounds	Carrie B. Williamson	862.8123
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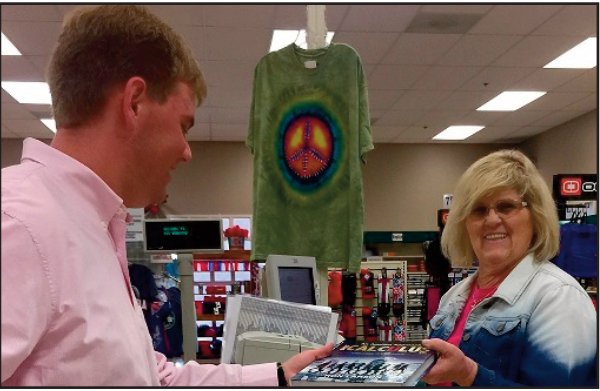
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Brenda Clements buys a book back at the Fulton Campus bookstore in this file photo.

Book buyback begins Wed.

KATIE METTS  
Staff Writer

Bookstore buyback will begin Wednesday at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses.

Dates and times include May 1 and 2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; and May 3 and 6, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Students should bring their ID (either a driver's license or student ID card) to successfully return their textbooks, said Billy Humphries, bookstore manager.

He said that the bookstore will buy the books back for half of the retail price, but not all textbooks will be bought back due to some textbooks being moved to online availability.

Humphries noted that students will only be allowed to sell back books for classes which appear on their schedule, and no one will be

allowed to sell another student's books.

Copies of the student's schedule will be printed at the first station of the book buyback on each visit. Once students receive their schedules and the visit has been recorded, they must sell the books selected at that time on that visit.

Students will receive a receipt for the amount of their books. Any balance in the Business office will be deducted from the amount of the book refund. All refunds will be processed through BankMobile.

Humphries also emphasized that book thieves will be arrested and prosecuted.

For questions, students should contact Humphries at bwhumphries at www.iccms.edu.



Community Service



From top, ICC's Computer Club boxes Packages for the Troops to send overseas. A cooperative project with the Computer Programming and Networking Association on the Tupelo Campus, the shipment included seven to 10 large boxes. The Computer Club raised money to pay for shipping. ICC President Dr. Jay Allen participates in the 10 for Tupelo trash collection as does Dean of Students Dr. Brad Boggs. Below, students who participated in the 10 for Tupelo take a lunch break.



Nursing students, faculty win awards

Staff Reports

Several ICC students and faculty members have received awards at the Mississippi Organization for Associate Degree Nursing's 33rd annual convention.

Students include Danny Raper of Nettleton and Jessica Hughes of Tupelo, first place in the scholars' bowl; and Timothy Harris of Myrtle, the \$1,000 Mississippi Nurses Foundation Scholarship.

Belen Garcia of Ecu was nominated for the Bobbie Anderson Scholarship, and Jay Rodriguez of Guntown, Outstanding ADN Student. Although neither was selected, they were recognized at the convention.

ICC faculty members who won awards include Robin Sims of Baldwyn, Professional Development Scholarship; Tracie Ramey of Fulton, Associate Degree Nurse Educator of the Year; and Tamar Lucas of Fulton, Innovative Teaching Award for Associate Degree Nurse Educator.

The Professional Development Scholarship is a \$1,000 award reimbursed following the completion of an approved professional development activity. Sims plans to use the award to pay for expenses to take the Certified Nurse Educator examination and prep course. She will present a professional development activity at the 2020 MOADN convention. Additional activities for the scholarship were ICC's Dr. Earnest Agnew of Baldwyn and Dr. Mary Ann Fleming-Parker of Tupelo.

As the Associate Degree Nurse Educator of the Year, Ramey receives a one-year membership to MOADN and \$250.

Lucas, recipient of the \$250 Innovative Teaching Award for Associate Degree Nurse Educator, will present her creative strategy at next year's MOADN convention.

"The convention is a great educational and networking conference for both students and faculty with more than 1,200 attendees annually," said Dr. Dana Walker, program director for associate degree nursing. "The convention has an education track as well as offers an opportunity for both faculty and students to present research in a poster presentation format, a scholars' bowl, board meetings and activities to showcase their work as a student nurse."





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Books and Supplies.....	Bookstore
Career Planning.....	Adviser/Career Center
Car Registration/Decals.....	Campus Police
Counseling.....	Student Affairs
Evaluation of Credits.....	Admissions
I.D. Cards.....	Student Affairs
Job Placement.....	Career Center
Library.....	Learning Resource Center
Log-Ins/PINs.....	TIS Help Desk
Parking.....	Campus Police
Registration/Early-Reg.....	Student Affairs
Schedule Planning.....	Student Affairs
Scholarships.....	Financial Aid
Student Activities.....	Student Affairs
Student Aid.....	Financial Aid office
Student Government.....	Housing Director
Transcripts.....	Student Affairs
Tuition and Fees.....	Business office
Veterans Affairs.....	Financial Aid office

## BELDEN CENTER

Adult Ed./High School Equivalency.....	Julia Houston
Continuing Education.....	Debi Martin
WIOA.....	Brad Gates
Workforce.....	Dr. Joe Lowder



## Leadership dinner

**President Dr. Jay and First Lady Belinda Allen again invited student leaders to The Residence this spring for a leadership dinner to recognize their accomplishment and engagement. Those who attended include, from front to back, Olivia Sagely, Mary-Elizabeth Moore, Katherine Morgan, Jordan Brock, Elizabeth Ingram, President Allen, speaker Juanita Floyd, Hannah Scott, Nami Ikawa, Alexis Koonce, Layla Stevens, Colton Watkins, Torrance "T.J." McIntosh, Alexis Bradley, Alicia Branham, Ca'Najah Alford, Julie Lyles, Anna Gregory, Ruthann Morgan, Misty Sheffield, Noah Walker, Maggie Meinz, Laura Buskirk, Jaymes "Bishop" Harris, Joshua Vaughn, Nick Montgomery, Jacie Rinehart, Brian Smith, Amber Jones, Taylor Carter, Cameron Lavigne and Tyrani Key. The dinner was Apr. 10. The Allens hosted a group during the fall semester as well.**

# Dorm checkout nears; follow these guidelines

Staff Writer

At the end of the spring semester, resident students must turn their attention toward checking out of the dorms.

To assist residents with the process, Andrea Senter of ICC's Housing office provides a few quick reminders.

\*All students must check out within 12 hours of their final exam, and the dorms will close at 5 p.m., May 6.

\*Residents must schedule an appointment with their RA in advance to turn in their key and have the final room check.

\*The room must be

completely clean and barren of any personal items.

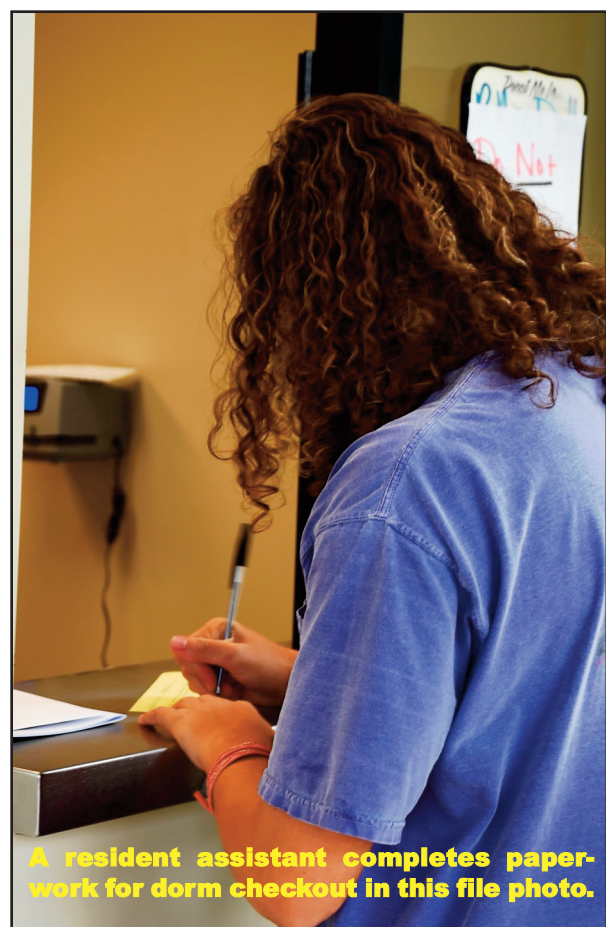
\*No trash may be left in the room.

\*Improper check out or failing to turn in a key will result in an improper check out fine.

Any students who neither claimed nor reclaimed rooms during the designated period will not have a room in the fall.

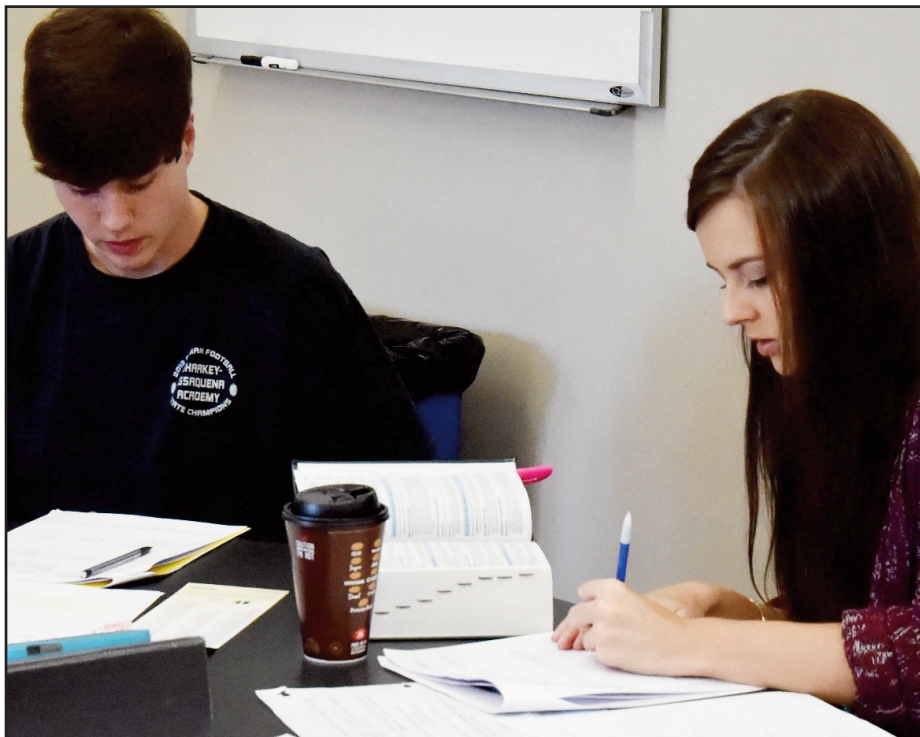
Instructions and reminders were scheduled to be emailed to resident students.

Questions may be addressed to Senter at [asenter@iccms.edu](mailto:asenter@iccms.edu) or call (662) 862-8233.



**A resident assistant completes paperwork for dorm checkout in this file photo.**

# Prochaska offers study tips for final exams starting Wed.



**Students study for exams in this Chieftain file photo.**

**SHAUNA McMICKIN**

Staff Writer

Final exams begin Wed., and to ease students' test-taking jitters, Dr. Bronson Prochaska, chair of the Learning and Life Skills Division, provided a few study tips.

Not only did she list advice on how to prepare the morning of the exam, but she explained what to do during the test to lessen stress as well.

For the morning before the test, it is important to eat a nutritious breakfast and to get to class on time, Prochaska said. To do so, be sure to

set an alarm to wake up a little earlier than normal.

Also, attitudes are contagious! "Be sure to avoid students who are negative, not prepared and cramming at the last minute.

When taking the final exam, it is imperative that you stay calm.

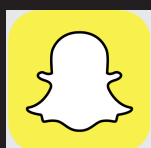
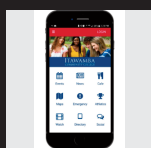
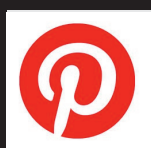
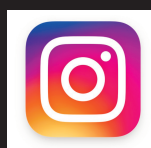
Prochaska said that if students begin to feel tense, they should "relax and take a few deep breaths."

Also, be aware of the time. Allow enough time to finish the entire test and avoid focusing on one question for too long, which could lead to

running out of time. To determine how much time to appropriate for one question, students should look over the entire test before they begin.

When answering questions, start with the easy ones to build up confidence and then move on to the more difficult ones. It is also important to double check before turning in the test. "Be sure your name is on the test and check your answers to make sure you have answered each question and have done so to the best of your ability," Prochaska said.

## Your connection to ICC...







Students in Itawamba Community College's CAMT programs learn the skills necessary to compete for internships at area companies.

# CAMT program provides apprenticeship opportunity at ICC

## Staff Reports

For many years, Itawamba Community College has offered a tremendous Advanced Manufacturing Technology internship program with Toyota Motor Manufacturing Mississippi.

The program blends classroom instruction at the ICC Belden Center with onsite experience at TMMMS, which is about 15 minutes west along the I22 corridor.

### AMT - ITS ROOTS

"The AMT program has taught me so many things, not all of them being mechanical or electrical systems," said current Industrial Maintenance student Chris McMillen. "While working for Toyota Mississippi, one must learn communication and people skills. Electrical, pneumatic, mechanical and robotic systems are all very much a part of my day-to-day activities. Something always needs to be fixed or improved upon. With ICC having this program, I have learned the theory behind equipment and hands-on experience from the world's leading automaker. After graduation, I will be able to say I have two years' experience in one of the most technologically advanced industries in the United States."

ICC's AMT initiative provides a continuous pipeline of multi-skilled maintenance technicians for TMMMS and virtually eliminated the skills gap in that area that other manufacturers experience. "Expansion of the AMT program to other companies has long been the goal of Toyota Motor Manufacturing Mississippi," said Barry Emison, dean of Career and Technical Education. Today, because of that foresight and desire to expand, Itawamba Community College students can take advantage of a relatively new opportunity, which evolved from the AMT program.

### CAMT

"After research, analysis and feedback from industry, the College determined there is high-demand need for more high-skill technicians in its five-county area, approximately 3,000 mile service district," said Dr. Joe Lowder, dean of Economic and Community Services.

It is a work-based collaboration among the career education credit and workforce non-credit divisions of the college, the Community Development Foundation and the Three Rivers Planning and Development District.

"The Careers in Advanced Manufacturing and Technology non-registered apprenticeship model is for students to attend school two days a week and work in industry the other three days," Lowder said, the same concept as the

AMT model. "This would accomplish important outcomes for both the industry and the College to help build a pipeline of trained highly-skilled workers for business and industry for our region," Lowder said.

CAMT enables students at Itawamba Community College to learn more than electricity, fluid power, mechanics, fabrication and robotics.

On their way to earning associate's degrees in Industrial Maintenance Technology, Electrical Technology, Computer Networking, Computer Pro-

field and apply my education immediately has been an incredible opportunity. I believe that not only has this program equipped me with the skills and knowledge of the industry, it has given me the confidence and proficiency to seek a career I would have thought unattainable just two years ago."

There are 50 students currently in ICC's CAMT program.

In order to be considered as an apprentice, students must first be enrolled in one of the participating

Investment Board and the Mississippi Manufacturers Association to support this program, and the model is spreading to nearby community colleges, according to Lowder.

### PARTNER VIEWPOINT

Among the participating companies is Tronox, which is located in Hamilton, about 50 miles from the ICC Belden Center. "The internship program through ICC and Tronox builds a pipeline between us and their students by allowing the students to work while going to school," said Gregory Caston, the company's maintenance educator. "In return, we are benefitting from the internship by molding the students to our processes and giving them advanced skills that they would not get in class. It is a win-win situation for the students, the community college and our organization."

### COLLEGE OUTCOMES

With the CAMT program, the college outcomes far outweigh those for industry. While the industry outcome is a pipeline of skilled workers, who are better trained with real-world work experience paired with classroom instruction, the college outcomes are threefold.

The program provides those skilled workers currently needed as well as increases the skilled workforce in the area to recruit more industry, Lowder said. In addition, the program provides income to adult learners who are reluctant to leave their jobs to skill up to a better job. "It gives them an opportunity to earn while they learn," Lowder said. Itawamba Community College also can market the program to parents who are hesitant to send their traditional-age students to career and technical programs because of the outdated perception of industry-related jobs.

"With all of the equipment that ICC has, there are tons of subjects to go over and learn, but being able to work while I go to school and compare school and work situations greatly improves my learning," said Industrial Maintenance student Matthew Huffman. "I am also going to be able to continue my career with the same company (Cooper Tire) that allowed me to learn at work while working around my school schedule."

All of the participating students have similar stories, but perhaps Stanford said it best, "My favorite thing about the CAMT program is that my résumé is now filled to the brim with not only theories and book information, but actual hands-on skills that I've been doing for the past year and a half."



CAMT students meet with potential company representatives to interview for apprenticeship positions.

gramming., Precision Manufacturing and Machining and this year, Diesel Technology, students can gain real-world industrial experience in the CAMT program. Both Industrial Maintenance and Electrical Technology now have wait lists for entry.

"The CAMT program has been beyond beneficial to me," said Chris Stanford, who is enrolled in Electrical Technology at ICC. "I have learned things that can never be truly taught in a classroom setting. Without this program, I would be completely green when I graduate and honestly terrified of my first job. Having seen firsthand how a factory operates and how maintenance performs its day-to-day processes takes a huge stress off of me."

### EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Stanford's classmate in Electrical Technology, Dillon Angle, who is currently interning at General Atomics, has a similar story. "My experience with the CAMT apprenticeship program has been truly exceptional," he said. "The hands-on nature of my classes in the electrical and maintenance fields has been invaluable to my educational and personal growth. Additionally, being able to work in the

programs. Additional steps include information sessions and workshops which include résumé writing and interviewing, which they utilize when the industry partners visit on a day designated to connect with potential interns.

### BENEFITS

Participants in the CAMT program earn an average salary of \$14-\$15 per hour, and they have the advantage of being able to compete for available skilled positions at area companies.

In addition to the AMT program, ICC students have previously competed for internships with industry partners only in their second year. Industries were hesitant to embrace the concept that employed freshmen without their having first acquired the baseline skills taught in the first year. However, after partnering with community entities, money was available to subsidize the apprenticeship. Three Rivers Planning and Development District contributed \$250,000 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding to build an apprenticeship and host students for two years, starting in the first semester of their freshman year, Lowder said. More money is now being offered from the State Workforce



## UPCOMING MUSIC & ARTS, ETC...

**April 29**

**Dr. Cass Patrick Solo Jazz Guitar  
Concert  
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center  
Auditorium  
7 p.m.**

**April 30**

**Spring Jazz Band Concert  
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center  
Auditorium  
7 p.m.**

## ICC students win creative writing awards

**ALLISON CLAYTON**  
*Staff Writer*

Creative writing students at ICC were among those who gathered at the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus, Apr. 12, to receive awards for the 2019 Mississippi Community College Creative Writers Association competition.

They included Mary-Elizabeth Moore of Red Bay, Ala., first in the drama category for “Over Your Shoulder;” Cierra Tucker of Tupelo, third place in drama for “Sam Jones and the Order of the Dodecahedron;” and Mikayla Powell of Amory, honorable mention in poetry for “Me, Too.”

The competition included seven categories: poetry, fiction, drama, creative nonfiction, literary essay, best professionally-printed journal and best in-hours journal.

Earlier in the year, students from ICC provided English works for consideration for the awards.

“Each year, the MCCWA holds the contest where students from Mississippi community colleges can submit their own literary works,” according to Robin Lowe, ICC English instructor.

Lowe said that the instructors on college campuses review all of the submissions and choose what is sent to the awards competition. ICC’s instructors read through each of the selections and picked two works per category to represent ICC.

Judges included Dr. Don Hubele, English professor and chair of the Belhaven University English Department; Paula Lambert, literary and visionary artist and author; Phyllis W. Seawright, assistant professor of communication/theatre at Mississippi College; Michael Farris Smith, award-winning author; and Marshall Ramsey, author, syndicated cartoonist, radio/television host and editor-at-large for Mississippi Today.

Lowe encourages students who may have any interest in writing to participate in next year’s contest or to enroll in the Creative Writing or Writing for Publication classes.

**Indians Got Talent, ICC’s version of America’s Got Talent, began with auditions Feb. 26 and 28 and Mar. 4. Performance dates were Mar. 19 and 26, and the finale on Apr. 2. Meredith Lawton, right, won the competition. The guest performer was Landen Knowlton of Tupelo (bottom photo), who won ICC’s Indian Idol in 2014 and was recently featured on American Idol. The judges make their decision in the photo below.**



# Indians Got TALENT



## ICC reschedules choir, CenterStage auditions for May 8



**ICC’s choir, under the direction of Kyle Davis, performs last fall. Auditions for the 2019-20 groups have been rescheduled for May 8.**

### Staff Reports

Auditions for ICC’s choir and CenterStage for 2019 have been rescheduled for May 8 in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center at the Fulton Campus.

Times include choir, chamber and vocal auditions at 1 p.m., and CenterStage auditions at 3 p.m.

Students who are interested in choir and chamber singers will be vocalized, asked to match pitches and possibly sing a hymn such as “Amazing Grace.” In addition, those who are in-

terested in chamber singers will be asked to sight-read a small piece of music. Students interested in majoring in voice must bring a prepared piece of music with either a track or music for an accompanist (if necessary), or they can make personal preparations for an accompanist.

Vocalists who are interested in CenterStage will be required to audition for the choir. Students will perform a prepared song of their choice, vocalize on various scales and sight

read. After the choir auditions, the choreography that will be performed for auditions will be taught in an impromptu session. Each participant will also sing his/her vocal selection during this time. Having an accompaniment track or an accompanist has historically helped with the auditioning process. No a capella singing is suggested, and an accompanist will be provided, if necessary.

Contact director Kyle Davis at (662) 862-8306 or [kddavis@iccms.edu](mailto:kddavis@iccms.edu) for more information.

**Connect with student activities...at ICC!**



FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

JUST A REMINDER...

Review lockdown procedures

ICC’s faculty, staff and students are urged to re-view campus lockdown procedures.

“The procedures are meant to be very simple be-cause at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community,” said Dr. Brad Boggs, dean of students.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

- 1) Lock all doors and windows.
- 2) Close all blinds.
- 3) Turn off lights.
- 4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.
- 5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.
- 6) Make no noise.
- 7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives te ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC’s website, www.iccms.edu, for information. It’s located under Campus Safety on the home page.

Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at helpdesk@iccms.edu.

Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It’s up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

Shuttle

Students commuting between the Fulton and Tupelo campuses continue to have the opportunity to take advantage of a free shuttle service.

The service begins and ends in Fulton with stops in front of the Student Services buildings on both campuses as well as at the Health Science Education Center at the Tupelo Campus.

Those who ride the shuttle must have a valid ICC ID card. The shuttle departs from Fulton at 7:15 a.m. and from Tupelo at 8 a.m. In the afternoon, it departs from Fulton at 3 p.m. and Tupelo at 3:35 p.m.

No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming.

Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each suc-cessive violation.

Campus Police

ICC-Belden...662.687.2752  
ICC-Fulton...662.687.2750  
ICC-Tupelo...662.687.2751



Rollll...Tribe!!

Members of ICC’s cheerleading squad for 2019-20, selected on the basis of tryouts, include front, from left, Jasman Mitchell, Erica Cottongin, Kallyn Ray, Keyumber Market, Anna Claire Tate, Leanna Billingsley, Meredith McCullar, Anna Katey Kemp; middle, Becca Childers, Molly Beth White, Zeta Mooney, Kayden Rigby, Gabby Smith; back, Caleb Southward, Pierce Thornton, Jacob Payne, Tanner Cary, Landon Olive and Devin Bowen. Not pictured are Sydney Hardin and Brooke Chidester. Coaches are Evie Storey of Ripley and Beverly Knight of Tupelo.

ICC selects Indian Delegation for 2019-20

*Staff Reports*

Members of ICC’s Indian Delegation for 2019-20 have been selected at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses.

The Fulton Campus members include Raina Boggan of **Ab-erdeen**; Austin Fulgham of **Ack-erman**; Micah Goldman, Katherine Morgan, both of **Amory**; Destiny Payne, Addie Bridges, Layla Stevens, all of **Belden**; Maggie Meinz, Madison Shelton, both of **Blue Springs**; Jayden Ray of **Caledonia**; Cailee Yielding of **Fulton**; Chase Allen of **Golden**; Tucker Barber of **Gun-town**; Madelynn Cockerham of **Hamilton**; Halle Hollingsworth of **Houston**; Kaitlin Ray of **Maben**; Sara Grace Boggs of **Mantachie**; Olivia Patton of **Mooreville**; Torrance “T.J.”McIntosh of **Okolona**; Madison Haley of **Olive Branch**; Abbey Montgomery, Alli Coker, Maggie Garrett, Caroline Sutton, Kassidy Young, all of **Pontotoc**; Lauren Heath of **Randolph**; Annabelle Bunch, Mauria Ferrell, Emily Shaffer, Zach Turba, all of **Saltillo**; Noah Walker of **Thax-ton**; and Destiny Vaughn of **Tu-pelo**.

Tupelo Campus members are JD Burleson of **Blue Springs**; Cole Morris, Taylor Carter, Han-nah Scott, all of **Ecrú**; Grace Beaty of **Fulton**; Faith Garrett, Jade Mata, both of **Hamilton**; Chloe House of **Mantachie**; Karli Rose Harris of **Nettleton**; Jade Eubank of **Okolona**; Malayasia Hill of Pontotoc; **Janiya White** of Shannon; and Amber Jones of **Tupelo**.

Alternates are Victoria Wright of **Caledonia** and Elizabeth Mid-dleton of **Tupelo**.

The Indian Delegation is a stu-dent recruiting team that serves as goodwill ambassadors for ICC. Members are involved in activities directly related to recruiting, ori-entation and public relations.

Sponsors are Evie Storey of **Ripley**, Fulton Campus; and Michael Holloway of **Saltillo**, Tu-pelo Campus.



Art Day

Students celebrate the Week of the Young Child at ICC’s Early Child-hood Academy at the Tupelo Cam-pus, Apr. 8-12. Par-ticipants work on art.

Commencement Continued from page one.

Tincher-Ladner is a regular presenter of inno-vative research and in-sights on student success at national conferences such as the American As-sociation of Community Colleges, Achieving the Dream, National Institute for Staff and Organiza-tional Development and the League for Innova-tion.

Phi Theta Kappa is the oldest and most presti-gious honor society for students seeking associate degrees and credentials from community colleges and other open-access in-stitutions with 1,285 chapters on college cam-puses in all 50 of the United States, U.S. terri-torial possessions and 10 sovereign nations. More than 3.5 million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 130,000 students inducted annu-ally.

A pinning ceremony for ICC’s Associate Degree Nursing graduates will be at 6 p.m., May 9, at the Davis Event Center.

Register TODAY for summer, fall classes!



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Phi Theta Kappa  
Upsilon Sigma  
Graduation Party  
Humanities 110 - Fulton  
Apr. 29  
Noon**

**Phi Theta Kappa  
Beta Tau Sigma  
Purvis 109 - Tupelo  
Apr. 30  
12:05 p.m.**

**For meeting updates,  
[www.iccms.edu](http://www.iccms.edu)  
"Calendar"**

## PN students win awards in Biloxi

### Staff Reports

ICC's Practical Nursing faculty and students participated in the Mississippi Licensed Practical Nursing Association convention in Biloxi, Apr. 9-11, and returned home with multiple awards.

The honors include first place in community service (the students had a total of 265 volunteer hours from Aug. 2018 to the current date; **Catrina Brown** of Okolona, second place in Name that Body Part; **Megan Warren** of Smithville, second place, and **Catrina Brown**, third place in Gather Your Supplies; **Emily**

**Waltmon** of Hamilton, first place, and **Hailey Hughey** of Smithville, second place in Career Quest.

**Hughey** also won the \$500 Health Scholarship.

"This is such an honor for our students to place in these categories," said Dr. Lisa Pearson, program director. "We are so proud of all our students and how well they represented our Practical Nursing program."

Attendees included more than 1,000 students from all 15 community colleges and one proprietary college.



**Above, Fulton Campus SGA officers for 2019-20 include, from left, TJ McIntosh, vice president; Farrah Fowlkes, treasurer; Layla Stevens, secretary; and Jaymes "Bishop" Harris, president.**

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT Officers ready to serve

**Below, Tupelo SGA officers for 2019-20 include, from left, Amber Jones, treasurer; Nami Ikawa, president; Taylor Carter, vice president; and Jillian McCollum, secretary.**



**Residence Life  
features programs...  
*Distracted Driving*  
&  
*Career Games***



# CONGRATULATIONS... CLASS OF 2019!!



BRIEFLY  
SPEAKING

ICC to sign  
articulation agreement  
with Baptist College  
of Health Sciences

Itawamba Community College will sign an articulation agreement with the Baptist College of Health Sciences on May 7 to provide another transfer pathway for the Public Health Technology students.

The agreement allows the PHT students to transfer to the Baptist College of Health Sciences in Memphis, Tenn. and earn a bachelor’s degree in Population Health.

The graduates of ICC’s public health program will be allowed to transfer 60 hours, including the career education hours. Another potential advantage of the agreement could be the improvement of job placement, said Cassie Alexander, director of ICC’s Public Health Technology program.

Baptist Colleges of Health Sciences is a private health sciences college, which is affiliated with Baptist Memorial Health Care.

HSE completion bonus  
available through May 31

Those who need to earn a high school equivalency credential (GED or HiSET) can do so at Itawamba Community College between now and May 31 and receive a \$100 completion bonus.

Classes are available through the ICC Adult Education program in Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties.

Those who are interested can call (662) 407-1538.

MSBC class set  
for Apr. 29

Registration is continuing for an evening class option for the Manufacturing Skills Basic Certification program, which will begin Apr. 29, at the ICC Belden Center.

The class will meet Mondays through Thursdays through June 19 from 6-9 p.m.

The program is designed to prepare students desiring to have a career in high-performance manufacturing to be successful. Through this program, students use critical thinking skills, update core skills and knowledge and will earn nationally-recognized credentials.

The 94-hour program is designed to respond to core knowledge for the current and emerging industry sectors located within the north Mississippi region.

It includes three national credentials - 10-hour OSHA, the American Heart Association’s CPR and the Career Readiness Certificate.

For more information or to register, contact TZ Waters at (662) 407-1526 or email [tswaters@iccms.edu](mailto:tswaters@iccms.edu).



Honoring  
Academic  
Excellence  
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Recipients of ICC’s highest student honors in departments and divisions as well as All-Mississippi Academic Team include:

Amber Alexander  
McKenna Allen  
Gregory Anderson  
Nathan Angle  
Karlee Avery  
John Bailey  
Savannah Baker  
Devin Bennett  
Becky Blanton  
John Boyer  
Danielle Bridges  
Jakyra Brooks  
Madison Brown  
Eli Brown  
Matthew Burrows  
Taylor Cash  
JoEllen  
Christopher  
Mary Clausel  
Ethan Cockrell  
Karis Cox  
Macey Cox  
Jo-Isaac  
Cumberland  
Makaela Dickerson  
Nate Farmer  
Sydney Franks  
Hannah Gaddy

Bryana Gaillard  
Savanna Guin  
Victoria Hamric  
Matthew Huffman  
Rachel Kay  
Hunter King  
Jake Kirkpatrick  
LaCortney Kizer  
Amy Kumar  
Nathan Kwasinski  
Shauna McMickin  
Chris McMillen  
Anna McMillen  
Victoria Miley  
Mary Elizabeth  
Moore  
William Moore  
Audrey Nettles  
Jason Price  
Lexi Pund  
Unshay Randle  
Jay Rodriguez  
Misty Sheffield  
Brian Christopher  
Smith  
Arden Spearman  
Hunter Stanfield  
Lisa Stegall  
William Terry  
Emily Waltmon  
Jaclyn Weaver  
Sarah Whitt  
Dalton Wright

ITAWAMBA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Itawamba Community College is a two-year public supported institution dedicated to providing high quality educational opportunities that are accessible and affordable for the diverse needs of Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties.

Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through 1) college-parallel programs that allow students to transfer a maximum of two years of college work to four-year colleges and universities; 2) technical and career programs that prepare students for immediate employment; 3) continuing education and community service programs for individuals striving for personal growth and/or personal enrichment; 4) contributing to the needs of business and industry; 5) educational programs and services that meet the diverse needs of students including student development opportunities; 6) adult basic education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population; 7) current technology to advance educational purpose, including traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 8) strategies to encourage the improvement of relations and coordination of programs with high schools, community/junior colleges, four-year colleges and universities; 9) development and implementation of activities that encourage and promote civic responsibility; and 10) programs of leadership training and professional growth to improve skills of faculty and staff.

Candidates for admission to academic, technical or vocational programs may be admitted by diploma - students are required to present an official transcript from a high school accredited by the appropriate state or regional accreditation association; by completing the appropriate number of Carnegie units; by successfully completing the high school equivalency test - students are required to have an official copy of the high school equivalency transcript mailed to the Registrar/Director of Admissions; by advanced standing (college transfer students). Students graduating without a regular diploma (Occupational Diploma or Special Education Diploma) must successfully complete the high school equivalency test in order to be eligible for admission to Itawamba Community College. Some technical programs may have selective criteria for admission.

Itawamba Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Dean of Students, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843, 662.962.8271, [TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu](mailto:TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu).

In compliance with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Itawamba Community College makes available its curricular and extracurricular programs and its facilities to every qualified person regardless of race, sex, color, creed, national origin or disability.

Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the associate degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.670.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.

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Honors program transition expected this fall

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Staff Writer

Robin Lowe, English instructor, Phi Theta Kappa contact advisor, and director of the Honors Program, expects to complete the transition of the Honors Program to the Honors College this fall.

Lowe said that several individuals are involved

in the change.

In addition to Lowe, the core group includes Heather McCormick, mathematics instructor and PTK advisor; Dr. Michelle Sumerel, vice president of Instructional Services; and Dr. Jay Allen, ICC President.

Lowe said that Community Relations is designing the logo and

promotional materials.

An articulation agreement with Mississippi State University was signed on Friday, and agreements with other institutions are pending including Mississippi University for Women, the University of Mississippi, Jackson State University, University of North Alabama and the

University of Southern Mississippi. Articulation agreements ensure that the Honors Program credits will transfer to those universities.

In order to join the Honors Program freshmen must have a minimum ACT score of 24, complete 10 hours of community service per

semester and enroll in the Honors Forum course and at least one three-hour Honors course each semester.

PTK members are automatically eligible for the Honors Program, but they must fulfill the class and service hour requirements.

“I’m very excited

about the transition to an Honors College, and I look forward to seeing its growth,” Lowe said.

She also encourages students to participate in the program.

Questions may be addressed either to her at [rmlowe@iccms.edu](mailto:rmlowe@iccms.edu) or McCormick, at [hlmc-cormick@iccms.edu](mailto:hlmc-cormick@iccms.edu).



## Upcoming activities

**May 1**

**Donut Stress  
Library (Fulton)  
7:30-9:30 a.m.**

**Prepping for Finals Breakfast  
Training Center Entrance  
Lobby (Belden)  
7:30-9 a.m.**

**May 2**

**Donut Stress  
Student Support Center  
Break Room (Tupelo)  
7:30-9 a.m.**

**Prepping for Finals Breakfast  
Training Center Entrance  
Lobby (Belden)  
7:30-9 a.m.**

**Late Night Pancake Exam Breaker  
Student Activities Center (Fulton)  
9-11 p.m.**

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## Food Bank continues to meet needs

*Staff Reports*

Itawamba Community College's Food Bank, located in the Crubaugh Technical Building at the Fulton Campus, continues to provide a much-needed service to students this year.

According to Dr. Bronson Prochaska, who implemented the Food Bank, to-date there have been 76 visits by ICC students. Some have made multiple visits, while others have only visited once or twice as needed.

Prochaska said that most students contact her initially by email at [iccfoodbank@iccms.edu](mailto:iccfoodbank@iccms.edu) to set up an appointment. They meet her in her office, and she lets them into the Food Bank to shop for whatever they need. Prochaska calls the donations and support "a blessing to so many in our ICC family."

She will be available this summer to continue to serve ICC's students through the food bank.

Among the items that are needed now are Cheez-It Baked Original Crackers, Velveeta Original Shells and Cheese (four-pack), Rice-A-Roni Pasta Roni Variety Pack (12 individual), Dinty Moore Big Bowls Chicken and Dumplings, Hormel Compleats Beef Rib Tips with Mashed Potatoes (three pack), Dole Fruit Bowls Cling Diced Peaches (12 cups), Del Monte Fruit Cup Snacks Diced Peaches (12 cups), Dole Fruit Bowls Peaches in Strawberry Gelatin (8 cups), Welch's Juice, Fruit Punch (2-pack), V8 Splash Fruit Juice; Welch's Concord Grape Fruit Juice Cocktail, Mott's 100 percent Original Apple Juice (4-pack) and Degree Dry Protection Fresh Antiperspirant Deodorant.



**ICC President Dr. Jay Allen presents the Mississippi Association of Junior and Community Colleges award to Coach James "Booty" Sloan upon his induction into the Sports Hall of Fame class of 2019.**

## Sloan represents ICC as MACJC inductee into Sports Hall of Fame

*Staff Reports*

James "Booty" Sloan of Tupelo, two-sport athlete at ICC, was one of 15 former athletes or coaches inducted into the 2019 class of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Sports Hall of Fame.

The thirteenth annual induction ceremony was Tuesday night at the Muse Center of Hinds Community College in Pearl.

"This is the most exciting thing I have ever been involved in," said Sloan. "I had never thought of being honored this way. I love Itawamba. That is one of the greatest places, and it was good for me."

Sloan played football at Shannon High School, where he started his coaching career in 1967. He played football and baseball at then Itawamba Junior College from 1959-61. His honors in-

cluded freshman class officer and friendliest.

Sloan spent 35 years in coaching and was athletics director at every stop beginning at Shannon. He became head coach at Tupelo High School in 1991. He worked for a school supply company when he retired from coaching following the 1995-96 school year, but later served again as THS athletic director for three years and coach at Shannon, Saltillo and Nettleton.

His coaching career also included West Point High School, W.P. Daniel High School in New Albany and Clinton High School as well as Copiah-Lincoln Community College. Sloan coached three MACJC All-Star football games and two Mississippi high school All-Star football games.

In 1991, Sloan was inducted into the ICC Athletic Hall of Fame,

and in 2004, the Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame. He also served as the head coach of the inaugural Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Game.

He and his wife, the former Wanda Nanney, have two children, Thomas F. Sloan, Tupelo pharmacist, and Jamie Sloan Taylor, assistant principal at Nettleton High School.

The Mississippi Community and Junior College Sports Hall of Fame was conceived in the interest of recognizing coaches and athletes who have coached and/or played in one or more of the Mississippi public community and junior colleges. Since 2007, including the 2019 class, 240 individuals have been recognized for their successes both on and off the field.

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Members of the Tupelo Police Department SWAT team enter the ICC Belden Center during the mock emergency drill in January.

# How safe is ICC?

**STEPHANIE HEATHERLY**  
*Staff Writer*

Just how safe is Itawamba Community College?

According to Dr. Brad Boggs, dean of Students, ICC is “very safe” at all three locations.

The three locations, Fulton, Tupelo and Belden, are considered “open campus,” which means that visitors, students and faculty can come and go as they please.

Boggs says that there is no need for a gated campus because the general public is welcome.

**ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT**

Although students don’t have to have a concern with safety already implemented, Boggs said that there is always room for improvement.

ICC is currently looking into some new ways to keep students and faculty

safe, Boggs said.

ICC is already conducting mock drills for Campus Police. An initial drill involving the College’s Emergency Management team was conducted in January, and all faculty and staff underwent training during Professional Development day in February as well.

**EFFECTIVE DRILLS**

Were the drills effective?

“Very effective,” Boggs answered. “I believe we need to do them more. We’re always looking for ways to include students in the drills.”

Boggs said that communication between faculty, police and students is key when it comes to emergency situations, which is why the College has the ICC ALERT system.

**CHANGES**

In the coming year, students can

expect to see improvements and new features such as an “SOS” button that will alert Campus Police of a student’s location anywhere on campus once the button is pressed. This will ensure a quicker response time if anything were to happen on campus.

Boggs said the new tech-savvy alert system is just one of the new plans for safety.

**SAFETY TIPS**

He recommended a few safety tips for students: be aware of your surroundings, use the buddy system, program Campus Police’s cell and office phone numbers into your cell phone, use the ICC ALERT system and check the emergency procedures posters in your buildings.

The posters are building-specific and cover a variety of emergencies, such as tornados and fires. There is

also a generalized version on the College’s website.

**SAFE SHELTERS**

In addition, those at the College should remember that there are safe shelters on the Fulton Campus in the Band Hall and at the Belden Center.

As soon as the Academic Support Center opens in Tupelo, there will be a safe shelter there as well.

Students should also be mindful that there are Campus Police officers available at the Fulton Campus 24/7 and at the Tupelo Campus and Belden Center as long as there are students on campus.

“If you see something, report it,” Boggs said. “Even if it looks stupid, report it. We can’t have eyes everywhere, and we need everyone’s help to ensure the safety of our faculty and students.”

## Quality Enhancement Plan concludes second implementation term



QEP Director Liz Edwards shares information about ICC’s QEP during the SACSCOC onsite visit in this file photo.

**CLARK OWEN**  
*Staff Writer*

Itawamba Community College is completing the second year of the Quality Enhancement Plan topic, “Read. Lead. Succeed.”

The QEP is a vital component of reaccreditation awarded by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

QEP Director Liz Edwards said that the spring semester is the second implementation term for the QEP courses, which have included principles of biology and general psychology. The third and fourth courses, public speaking and English composition I will be added in the fall of 2019 and the spring of 2020, respectively.

“ICC’s QEP is a research-based instructional strategy aimed at improving reaching comprehension that targets a significant segment of the student population,” Edwards said. “The goal is to reach about 2,300 students or 41 percent of the fall enrollment over the five years of the plan. As each course is implemented, it will

continue with the QEP strategies until the final QEP term in the spring of 2021.

The plan embeds reading comprehension strategies into the courses which a majority of the students take regardless of their degree path.

Edwards said that comprehension is the main focus. “Reading comprehension strategies aligned with each course are chosen and implemented to provide students better reading comprehension skills.”

Edwards said that she is excited to implement the QEP. “It is an honor to get to do something special for students and work with our amazing faculty! ICC cares about student success, so targeting an area that needs improvement is especially rewarding. I look forward to the implementation of the additional QEP courses and the data results that these will bring over the next couple of years. I hope that we can show a positive impact! I am encouraged by the positive reception of the students so far.”



# Lady Indians basketball trio earns postseason honors

LEE ADAMS  
Staff Reports

Three members of the ICC women’s basketball program earned postseason honors on the conference and national levels. Shaniyah Buford of Abbeville, Taneshia Miller of Greenville and Tabreea Gandy of Starkville all earned Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-State honors while Buford also was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association All-Region Team and received an All-American honorable mention nod. The trio helped the Lady Indians win the MACJC North Divi-

sion title and compiled a 21-5 overall record that included a 16-game win streak. Buford averaged 18 points per game while shooting 47.6 percent from the floor in her sophomore season. During the season, the 5’9” guard earned MACJC Player of the Week and was named to the NJCAA All-Region 23 Tournament team. Miller averaged both 9.3 points and 9.5 rebounds per game in 26 games during her sophomore season. The 6’1” center picked up eight double-doubles for points and rebounds last season, and she

led the team with a 60.7 field goal percentage and had an eight-game stretch with 10 or more rebounds. Gandy started all 26 games in her freshman season and averaged 9.2 points per game as the team’s point guard. She shot 32.8 percent from the floor and averaged 4.3 assists per game.

ICC’s Shaniyah Buford received a National Junior College Athletic Association All-American honorable mention nod.



# Archery to be club sport ICC adds women’s volleyball

ADAM GORE  
Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College Athletic Director Carrie Ball-Williamson has announced the addition of women’s volleyball to its intercollegiate athletic program. It will begin this fall with current plans to begin competition in the fall of the 2020-21 academic year. “We are happy to announce the addition of women’s volleyball to our athletic programs here at ICC,” Ball-Williamson said. “Volleyball has been growing very fast in our part of the

state. We are excited to help continue the growth of the sport and offer a new opportunity for young women to be able to continue their education through athletics.” The inaugural season will be dedicated to establishing the foundation of the program. Student-athletes participating in 2019 will not lose a year of eligibility. ICC is the second community college in the state to add volleyball to its intercollegiate athletic programs. ICC will now offer 11 sports, including six men’s and five women’s pro-

grams. The search for the program’s head coach is underway. ICC has also announced the addition of archery to its club sports. The non-NJCAA sanctioned program will be advised by Michael Nanney and will join the nationally-recognized ICC Bass Fishing Team as another unique co-ed extracurricular activity open to all incoming freshmen and returning students in good academic standing. All incoming or current ICC students interested in joining the ICC

Archery Club team are encouraged to email archery@iccms.edu for more information. “It is extremely important to us at the College to respond to the growing desire on the part of our students for greater offerings,” said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. “By adding sports and activities, we are expanding the College’s ability to draw top students who are seeking an academically-rigorous education that includes a strong student involvement with a diversity of offerings here at ICC.”



Kaylyn Wilson



Taneshia Miller

# Three ICC Lady Indians selected for All-Star game

Shaniyah Buford, Taneshia Miller, Kaylyn Wilson

Staff Reports

Shaniyah Buford, Taneshia Miller and Kaylyn Wilson were selected to represent ICC at the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-Star Game. The trio led the Lady Indians to a 21-5 record, the MACJC North Division Championship and to the semifinal games of the MACJC Tournament and the Na-



tional Junior College Athletic Association Region 23 Tournament. Buford, who was named MACJC Player of the Week twice, averaged 15 points a game during the Region 23 Tournament.

Miller was named MACJC Player of the Week once during her sophomore campaign. Wilson started all 26 games for the Lady Indians, averaged 7.3 points per game and shot 64.3 percent from the free throw line. The guard from Columbus picked up 60 assists as well as four rebounds per game. The game was Apr. 12 at East Central Community College.



In the News

Roldan qualifies for NJCAA D1 play in Tucson

Staff Reports

ICC freshman Franco Roldan has qualified to compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 Men’s Tennis championship.



Roldan

Roldan earned the right to advance to the national tournament when he reached the No. 1 Men’s Singles Finals of the NJCAA Region 23 and Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Tournament recently in Tupelo.

The Buenos Aires, Argentina native will not be heading to the tournament alone, since Blake Gregory of Pontotoc will accompany him to compete in doubles action as well as individually.

The tournament will be May 13-17 at the Reffkin Tennis Center in Tucson, Ariz.

First pitch  
Tupelo Campus Bookstore supervisor Barbara Williams throws out the first pitch at the ICC softball team’s breast cancer awareness day observance.



Golf trio advances

Staff Reports

A trio of ICC golfers qualified to compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Men’s Golf Championship after their performance in the District D Championship this weekend at River Birch in Amory.

Brandon Barrett of Tupelo, Dean Garrett of New Albany and Garrett

Moore of Southaven punched their tickets to national and helped the Indians finish third in the district.

“I’m proud of the three guys we have going to nationals,” said ICC golf coach Michael Nanney.

The tournament will be May 21-24 at the Swan Lake Golf Resort in Plymouth, Ind.

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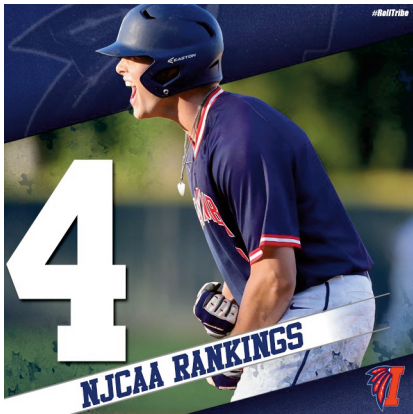


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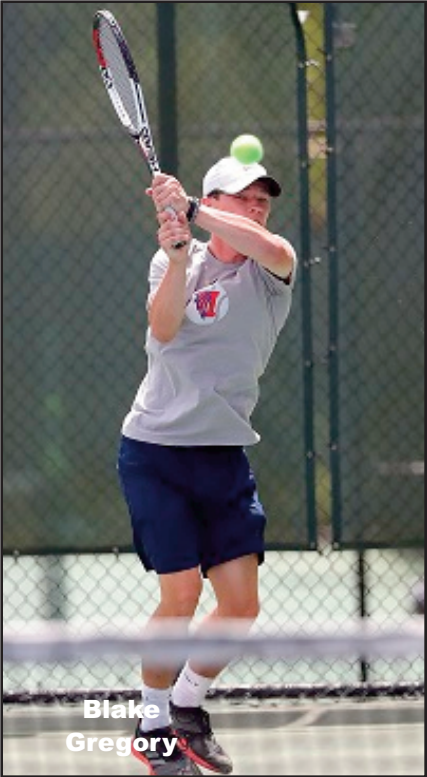


Mattie Meine

Softball #10



Juliana Alves



Blake Gregory

Houston Harding  
MACJC Pitcher of the Week

Staff Reports

ICC’s Houston Harding was named MACJC Pitcher of the Week, Apr. 23.

The sophomore southpaw from Walls went 2-0 the week before and went the distance in both outings, compiling 19 strikeouts while walking only five in 16 innings of work.

In the Indians’ 12-4 run-rule win over East Central Community College, Harding struck out 10 while allowing seven hits and two earned runs while throwing all seven innings.

Harding finished the week with a complete game win over Copiah-Lincoln Community College, strik-

ing out nine and allowed six hits and one earned run.

Harding has signed with Mississippi State University.

The week he was selected, he improved to 9-0 on the season with a 1.62 ERA and was averaging 10.26 strikeouts per game.

Spotlight



Coming up...

BASEBALL

4:30 MS Delta 3/6  
5:3 @Gulf Coast 2/5

GOLF

5:21 @NJCAA DII Champ.  
Plymouth, Ind.

SOFTBALL

4:30 @Coahoma 2/4  
5:2 Meridian 2/4  
5:4 @Southwest 1/3

TENNIS

5:13 @NJCAA DI Champ.  
Tucson, Ariz.

ON THE SCHEDULE



Events during 2018-19 include, from top, Construction continues on the Academic Support Building at the Tupelo Campus; Complete to Compete celebrates its first anniversary; ICC's students participate in a Student Involvement Fair; Lady Indians basketball head coach Nanci Gray announces her retirement; Robin Porter becomes head coach.



Above, Mr. and Miss ICC Russell Bunch and Laura Buskirk; ICC offers three-day weekends this fall; ICC celebrates Military Appreciation; Bob Swanson is the first Mississippi educator to participate in NITARP; Anna Britt-Begnaud was ICC's recipient of the Humanities Council award; Nadia Robinson was named 2019 Most Beautiful; ICC's Homecoming Court; Sigma Kappa Delta, the English Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges became ICC's newest organization and the 2019 Hall of Fame. Top of page one, the State of the District.



# 2018-19 REVIEW

